

# The Lady of the Novel

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The lady of the twentieth century novel, fashionably correct in every detail, whizzed gaily down the page in her automobile. There were three clubs, a charity board, two receptions and a tea in the first chapter, and it needed haste as well as art to be seen at them all.

Hurriedly turning the corner on two wheels, she met a knight of the sixteenth century in full armor.

"I really think I must be in the wrong book," murmured the lady dubiously.

The knight paused and gazed at her inquiringly.

"Are you a 'female' in distress?" he asked hopefully.

"The term 'female' is out of date," she answered promptly, viewing him with some curiosity.

"Not in this book. You ought not to be here if you won't be rescued from distress."

"A woman of the twentieth century novel is fully capable of extricating herself from any difficulty," said the lady haughtily.

"Then you willingly deprive us of our chief occupation," complained the knight, with a bitter stare.

"Is there a tournament in this book?" pursued the lady, thoughtfully nibbling a chocolate.

"Certainly," replied the knight in amazement.

"Is it far?" asked the lady.

"There are dangers," said the knight dubiously.

"For instance?" remarked the lady, with an indifferent air.

"Everything," hinted the knight, gloomily.

"How lovely!" said the lady. "It must be very interesting."

"This is a very lonely wood," quivered the knight, gazing about fearfully. "I suppose I'll have to ride in front."

"I guess not," remonstrated the lady. "You'll be in my way if you do."

"I'm sure you are very unreasonable. There may be robbers on this page."

"How thrilling!" said the lady, looking about her expectantly.

"What did I tell you?" whispered the knight in a worried voice, as a robber in the conventional brigand costume stepped abruptly from behind a tree.

"Here's where you stand and deliver," remarked the robber in the correct hollow tone.

"Oh, I don't know," said the lady easily. "There are publishers in the twentieth century also."

"That answer isn't in this book,"

anywhere," said the robber despondently. "Your money or your life. Hurry up."

"Have you any references?" queried the lady in a businesslike way. "One can't be too careful about such things."

"You mustn't talk back; I am a robber," he remarked anxiously.

"There are others," returned the lady nonchalantly.

"You haven't a watch about you, have you?" asked the robber, with an insinuating air.

"It strikes me," said the lady, catching her spark, "that your questions are quite searching."

"Look out!" yelled the robber indignantly as she whizzed away. "You might have hurt me if you had run over me with that thing." And he stepped aside with haste.

The knight boldly leaned over and felled the robber with his lance and hurried after the lady.

"We have foiled him," he exclaimed triumphantly as his charger plunged along.

"Did you get your money back?" asked the lady practically.

"No; I did not stop. It would not do for you to be alone, you know."

"Let's change the subject. What's that queer-looking thing in the next sentence?"

"Hush!" whispered the knight, quickly paling. "That is a dragon. What do you think we'd better do?"

"Vanquish it," advised the lady with admirable promptness.

"Do you really think it safe? I'm not in extra good form to-day."

"That's not fair," said the lady, looking at him with a reproachful face. "That expression was never used in your time."

"You're so particular," said the

knight testily. "It's very hard always to get the right expression. Books differ so."

"That dragon is asleep!" cried the lady, with a disappointed air. "Are they hard to waken?"

"Very. You watch me."

"But where are you going?" said the lady, looking around as the knight clumsily wheeled his charger and went back.

"To get a good start," answered the knight, with a superior air. "And then if he wakes up I can keep right on. You'd better climb a tree."

"I can see all right from here," said the lady, stopping her auto. "Don't be so poky."

"For St. George and the Dragon!" shouted the knight in a fierce voice. "You don't seem to realize the danger. That's no stage dragon. It's the real thing."

"But it ought to roar and spit flames and you ought to kill it after a mighty battle," protested the lady. "You really are not doing your part as you should."

"Oh, come on, for heaven's sake!" said the knight frantically. "We never will reach that tournament if we don't hurry. Besides, that dragon may wake up any time."

"You shouldn't say, 'For heaven's sake!'" said the lady critically. "You should say 'By'r lady,' or 'Peradventure,' or—"

"That shows all you know about it," exclaimed the knight triumphantly. "Those expressions don't come in until the next century."

"Oh, well, it really doesn't matter. It's only a question of dates."

"Do you see you massive structure that rears its battlements so proudly in the middle distance of the next sentence?" asked the knight suddenly.

"That's the king's castle," he added, with impressive pride.

"You said that beautifully," said the lady, with an admiring glance. "It's the first really appropriate thing you've said."

"I learned it by heart."

"Is the king at home?" asked the lady.

"He usually is. He's afraid to go away. There are several others, you see," explained the knight delicately.

"I see," said the lady as she rode gaily in at the gate.

"Here, you can't take your auto in there!" called the knight wildly. "The king won't allow it."

"I'm already in," remarked the lady scathingly. "Just pay attention to your own affairs." And she nodded to the king with a friendly air as she sat down.

"That's a lovely piece of ermine in your robe," said the lady. "I suppose it's the real thing. They get up such really good imitations nowadays."

"Pardon me," announced the king in a firm tone; "you mustn't sit down in my presence."

"Indeed?" said the lady in a decided manner as she crossed her feet comfortably and surveyed him from head to foot.

"It isn't etiquette. I am the king, you know."

"I wish you would ring for a glass of ice water," said the lady politely.

"You forget," said the king, brightening; "that idea has not been discovered yet."

"True," said the lady, gazing at him thoughtfully. "Then send for it."

"Send for what?" said the king, with a bewildered air.

"Why, the ice water!"

"But this is summer," said the king politely, "and we never drink water."

"No ice?" returned the lady, with indignation.

"If it was winter, now," said the king hopefully. "We always have ice in the winter."

"What's the use of being a king if you can't have a few privileges?" she demanded wrathfully.

"I often say so," murmured the king regretfully.

"The tournament, you know," reminded the knight hastily. "The people are all there. For goodness' sake, don't contradict her," he whispered anxiously to the king. "There's no telling what she might do. She's writing a book."

"Who's ahead?" asked the king as the tournament ended and the knights dashed away. "They crowded so I couldn't see."

"I've kept the score," said the lady. "I'll tell you in a minute."

"Let me see," said the king eagerly. "Where are my glasses, now?" and he fumbled helplessly in his pockets.

"Why, you can't do that!" remonstrated the lady, with a severe look.

"Can't do what?" said the king, pausing in his search.

"Certainly not," said the lady reproachfully. "You know very well that glasses were not even heard of in your time."

"I had forgotten," murmured the king meekly.

"I wish you'd take her away," he whispered fretfully to the knight. "It's very provoking to be reminded of these things."

"But you see—" began the knight in a frightened tone.

"You brought her," protested the king. "She has upset me dreadfully."

"She came," returned the knight, with dignity. "There is some difference, you know."

"I don't think much of your old tournament, anyhow," said the lady breezily. "A yacht race is lots more exciting."

"Possibly," said the knight humbly. "We have to live up to our restrictions, you know."

"Well, really," remarked the king, gazing at her fixedly as she puffed rapidly out of the book. "I am quite worried out. If it wasn't so early in the century, I should like a refreshing cup of tea. She was so—er—strenuous, you know."

## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

Territory of New Mexico—Office of the Secretary—Certificate of Comparison—I, Nathan Jaffa, Secretary of the Territory of New Mexico, do hereby certify that there was filed for record in this office at One o'clock p. m. on the twenty-fourth day of May, A. D. 1909, articles of incorporation of The Las Vegas Transit Company, No. 5974, and also, that I have compared the following copy of the same, with the original thereof now on file, and declare it to be a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole thereof.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the Territory of New Mexico, at the City of Santa Fe, the Capital, on this twenty-fourth day of May, A. D. 1909.

(Seal) NATHAN JAFFA  
Secretary of New Mexico.

State of Colorado—Office of the Secretary of State—United States of America, State of Colorado, ss—Certificate—I, James B. Pearce, Secretary of State of the State of Colorado, do hereby certify that the annexed is a full, true and complete transcript of the articles of incorporation of The Las Vegas Transit Company, which was filed in this office the twelfth day of May, A. D. 1909, at 10:30 o'clock a. m., and admitted to record.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Colorado, at the City of Denver, this Fifteenth day of May, A. D. 1909.

(Signed) JAMES B. PEARCE.  
Secretary of State.

(Seal of the State of Colorado)

Know all men by these presents, That we, Harry Kelley and Secundino Romero, residents of Las Vegas, in the county of San Miguel, and Territory of New Mexico, and James R. Thorpe, Orin S. Moore and William A. Moore, residents of the city and county of Denver, in the State of Colorado, have associated ourselves together as a corporation under the name and style of The Las Vegas Transit Company for the purpose of becoming a body corporate and politic under and by virtue of the laws of the state of Colorado and accordance with the provisions of the laws of the said state, we do hereby make, execute and acknowledge in duplicate this certificate in writing of our intention so to become a body corporate under and by virtue of the said laws.

I. The corporate name and style of our said corporation shall be The Las Vegas Transit Company.

II. The objects for which our said corporation is formed and incorporated are to acquire by purchase, lease or otherwise a street railway system or street railway lines operated by electricity or other motive power for the carriage of passengers, mail, express, freight and sprinkling cars over, upon and through any and all streets, roads or other thoroughfares in the city of Las Vegas and in the former town of Las Vegas, and in the county of San Miguel in the Territory of New Mexico, and to own, maintain, operate and extend the same, said street railway now connecting the city of Las Vegas with the said former town of Las Vegas; to acquire by purchase, lease or otherwise and to equip, maintain, use and operate power plants and stations for the manufacture and production of electricity or other motive power, and to use, lease or sell the electric or other power so produced; to buy or lease from others electricity or other motive power for the operation of the said street railway and to operate the same either by means of the trolley electric system, or by means of electricity in any form now known, or which may hereafter be discovered and susceptible of use as a motive power, or by any other kind or kinds of mechanical motive power which in the judgement of the board of directors of said company may be deemed advisable for the use, maintenance and operation of the said street railway system, and any extension or extensions thereof; to acquire by purchase or otherwise, any and all franchises, easements, rights, privileges and immunities now or hereafter owned, held or claimed by others which may be necessary or useful in carrying out the objects above named; to acquire by purchase or otherwise, stock, and bonds of other corporations and to hold sell or otherwise dispose of the same; to acquire by purchase, lease or otherwise and to hold, own and use real and personal property necessary, convenient or proper for the business of the said company; to borrow money and to issue bonds or other evidence of indebtedness, and secure the same by

mortgage or deed of trust upon its franchises and property, real, personal and mixed, of whatever description and wheresoever situate; and to do all things necessary, convenient or incidental to the accomplishment of the objects above named.

III. The capital stock of our said corporation is one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) to be divided into fifteen hundred, (1500) shares of one hundred dollars (\$100) each and said stock shall be non-assessable.

IV. Our said corporation is to exist for the term of twenty years commencing with the date of the filing of these articles of incorporation in the office of the secretary of state.

V. The affairs and management of our said corporation are to be under the control of a board of five (5) directors, and Harry Kelley, Secundino Romero, James R. Thorpe, Orin S. Moore and William A. Moore are hereby selected to act as said board of directors and to manage the affairs and concerns of the said corporation for the first year of its existence and until their successors are elected, and the following persons are hereby designated as officers of the said company during the first year, viz: James R. Thorpe, president; Harry Kelley, vice-president; Orin S. Moore, treasurer, and Charles K. Durbin, secretary.

VI. The operations of our said corporation in the state of Colorado will be carried on in the city and county of Denver, and will also be carried on in San Miguel county, Territory of New Mexico, and the principal place and business office of the said corporation shall be located in the City and County of Denver, and state of Colorado aforesaid.

VII. Our said corporation is formed for the purpose of carrying on part of its business beyond the limits of the state of Colorado, to-wit, in the county of San Miguel, in the territory of New Mexico, and meetings of the board of directors of the said company may be held beyond the limits of the state of Colorado, and in San Miguel county, New Mexico.

VIII. The board of directors shall have power to make such prudential by-laws as they may deem proper for the management of the affairs of this corporation according to the statutes in such case made and provided.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals on this 3rd day of May, A. D. 1909.

SECUNDINO ROMERO, (Seal).  
HARRY W. KELLEY, (Seal).  
JAMES R. THORPE, (Seal).  
ORIN S. MOORE, (Seal).  
WILLIAM A. MOORE, (Seal).

Territory of New Mexico,  
County of San Miguel, ss

I, Wm. G. Haydon, a notary public in and for the said county in the territory aforesaid, do hereby certify that Harry Kelley and Secundino Romero, who are personally known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the annexed and foregoing certificate of incorporation, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument of writing as their free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and notarial seal this 3rd day of May, A. D. 1909. My commission expires January 15th 1913.

WM. G. HAYDON,  
Notary Public.

(Notarial Seal)

State of Colorado,  
City and County of Denver, ss.

I, Julian H. Moore, a notary public in and for the said city and county in the state aforesaid, do hereby certify that James R. Thorpe, Orin S. Moore and William A. Moore, who are personally known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the annexed and foregoing certificate of incorporation appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument of writing as their free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and notarial seal this 5th day of May, A. D. 1909. My commission expires May 26, 1912.

JULIAN H. MOORE,  
Notary Public.

(Notarial Seal).

Endorsed: No. 49472, articles of incorporation of The Las Vegas Transit Company, domestic. Filed in the office of the secretary of state, of the state of Colorado, on the 12th day of May, A. D. 1909, at 10:30 o'clock a. m. Recorded in book—page—

JAMES B. PEARCE,  
Secretary of State.

By Thomas F. Dillon, Jr.  
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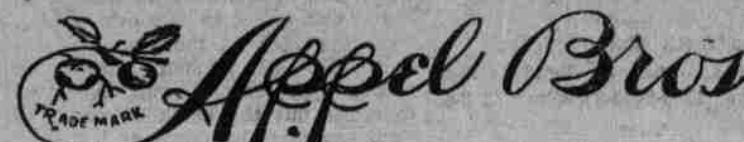
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Statement.

Territory of New Mexico—Office of the Secretary—Certificate of Comparison—I, Nathan Jaffa, Secretary of the Territory of New Mexico, do hereby certify that there was filed for record in this office at One o'clock p. m. on the twenty-fourth day of May, A. D. 1909, statement designating agent and place of business in New Mexico of The Las Vegas Transit Company, No. 5975, and also, that I have compared the following copy of the same, with the original thereof now on file, and declare it to be a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole thereof.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the Territory of New Mexico, at the City of Santa Fe, the Capital, on this twenty-fourth, day of May, A. D. 1909.

(Seal) NATHAN JAFFA,  
Secretary of New Mexico.

Statement by the Las Vegas Transit Company.

The Las Vegas Transit Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the state of Colorado, does hereby, pursuant to the laws of the Territory of New Mexico, state and certify as follows:

1. That the amount of its authorized capital stock is one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00), and the amount actually issued is seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00).

2. The character of the business which it is to transact in the Territory of New Mexico is to own and operate a street railway system in the City of Las Vegas and vicinity, San Miguel county, New Mexico, and to do all things necessary, convenient or incidental to the carrying on of the above stated business.

3. Its principal office in the Territory of New Mexico will be at the City of Las Vegas.

4. Said company hereby designates William G. Haydon, a person of full age, actually resident at the City of Las Vegas, in the Territory of New Mexico, as its agent, upon whom process against said company may be served and said agency shall continue until the substitution by writing of another agent.

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In witness whereof said The Las Vegas Transit company has caused these presents to be signed in its name by James R. Thorpe, its president, and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed by Charles K. Durbin, its secretary, this 15th day of May A. D. 1909.

THE LAS VEGAS TRANSIT COMPANY.

(Signed) By James R. Thorpe,  
President.

(Corporate Seal)

Attest:  
(Signed) C. K. Durbin,  
Secretary.

Endorsed: Foreign, No. 5975, Cor. Rec'd Vol. 5 page 615, statement designating agent and place of business of The Las Vegas Transit Company. Filed in Office of Secretary of New Mexico, May 24, 1909, 1 p. m. Nathan Jaffa, Secretary. Compared C. F. K. to O.

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## Call for Bids.

Bids will be received by the board of trustees of the Miners' Hospital of New Mexico, at Raton, New Mexico, till 12 o'clock noon on June 17th, 1909 for the construction of the south wing to the present building.

Plans are on file with the board of trustees, at Raton, also at the office of I. H. and W. M. Rapp Co., architects, Santa Fe, N. M., and Trinidad, Colorado.

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